a salary of $1200 a year - but gave it up to come here - and since I came to work here - have received a call to Plainfield - New Jersey - which as the Deaty wrote me - they have one of the handsomest churches in the State - and might have had a call to Meadville - Penn.a had I shown an inclination to accept it offered - My support here has not been much - in fact what I have received has failed to keep me clear from debt, - but Mr. Lewis has exceed my assistance - and has hoped all along that he might be able to secure for me a competency -

I have learned much however - and God has prospered that work I have attempted to perform -

I have entertained a strong hope for some months past that you would be enabled to have your library transferred to this city - and that I might be permitted to read and study in it - This hope together with the expectation that Mr Lewis would consummate some plans he had under turning the Summer - has kept me here until now - Now that the season of Lent is at hand - I feel it my duty to remain and have a helping hand and have already promised to deliver a course of lectures in the Memorial Church during that season - and also to preach every Sunday at the Evening Service

Rec'd Feb. 16.
Answ'd Feb. 16.

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My Dear Bishop:—

As to the Missionary field you spoke to me of the other day—after prayerful consideration—I am led to decline it.—

To speak frankly—I do not think that I am fit for such a position—

I have no knowledge of that kind of life—and am afraid that I should labor with small chance of success amongst people composing such a community.—

My object in coming to this parish was to get some good discipline—to get the run of parochial work and the proper way of systematizing it—

I was called to Kittanning Penn.a at

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I have charge of the parish School numbering 73 Scholars—I have service with them every morning—after which I give them a short talk on the Prayer Book—and teach them how to use it.—

I am very much interested in my work—and trust that I have and may always have—your blessing.—

I am faithfully yours &c.

Edward Ingle